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### 2023 Northwest Region Honey Production Down 4 Percent from 2022

Idaho's 2023 honey production, at 2.94 million pounds, was 8 percent higher than 2022. There were 92,000 honey producing colonies, 2,000 lower than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 32.0 pounds, compared with 29.0 pounds per colony in 2022. Idaho's value of honey production, at \$4.80 million, was 36 percent lower than 2022.

Oregon's 2023 honey production, at 3.33 million pounds, was 2 percent lower than 2022. There were 90,000 honey producing colonies, 2,000 lower than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 37.0 pounds, unchanged from the previous year. Oregon's value of honey production, at \$9.02 million, was 19 percent lower than 2022.

Washington's 2023 honey production, at 2.24 million pounds, was 19 percent lower than 2022. There were 83,000 honey producing colonies, 3,000 lower than the previous year. The yield per colony averaged 27.0 pounds, compared with 32.0 pounds per colony in 2022. Washington's value of honey production, at \$6.07 million, was 31 percent lower than 2022.

### Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value — Idaho, Oregon, Washington, and United States: 2022 and 2023

[Operations with 5 or more colonies that also qualify as a farm. Colonies which produced honey in more than one State were counted in each State]

	Honey producing colonies <sup>1</sup>	Yield per colony	Production	Stocks December 15 <sup>2</sup>	Average price per pound <sup>3</sup>	Value of production <sup>4</sup>
	(1,000)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Idaho						
2022 .....	94	29	2,726	627	2.73	7,442
2023 .....	92	32	2,944	442	1.63	4,799
Oregon						
2022 .....	92	37	3,404	1,191	3.27	11,131
2023 .....	90	37	3,330	1,099	2.71	9,024
Washington						
2022 .....	86	32	2,752	660	3.18	8,751
2023 .....	83	27	2,241	740	2.71	6,073
United States <sup>5</sup>						
2022 .....	2,667	47.0	125,331	23,181	3.01	377,246
2023 .....	2,509	55.2	138,571	44,016	2.52	349,199

<sup>1</sup> Honey producing colonies are the maximum number of colonies from which honey was harvested during the year. It is possible to harvest honey from colonies which did not survive the entire year.

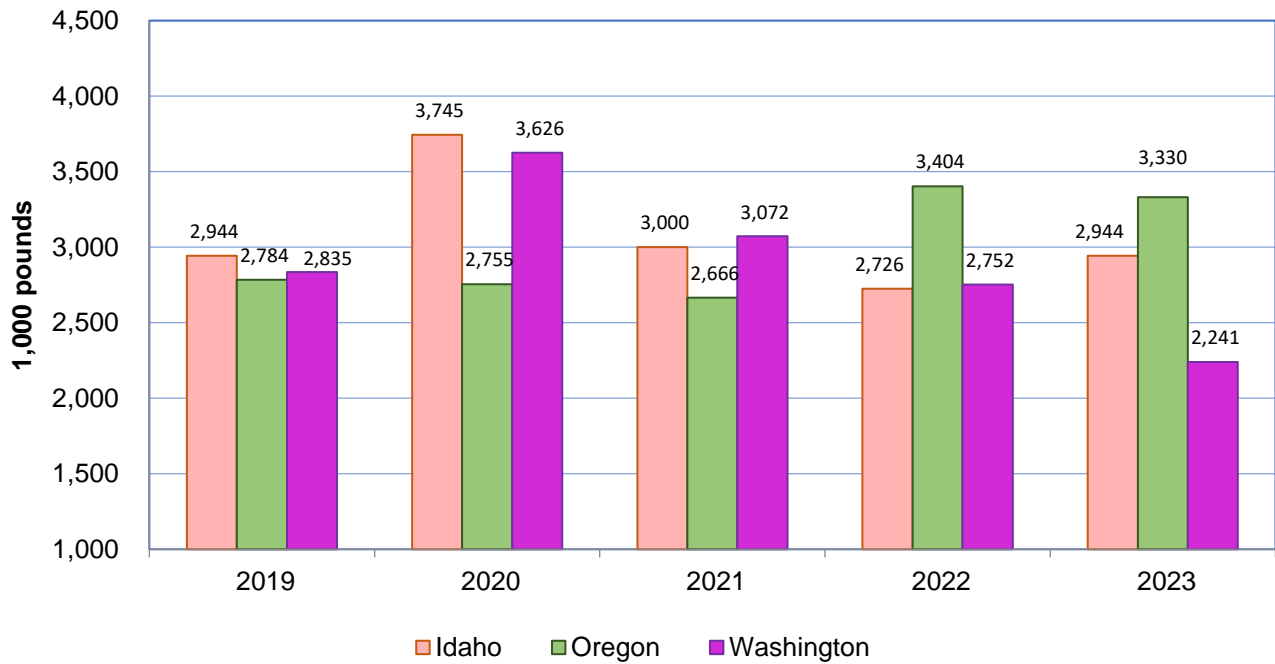
<sup>2</sup> Stocks held by producers.

<sup>3</sup> Average price per pound based on expanded sales.

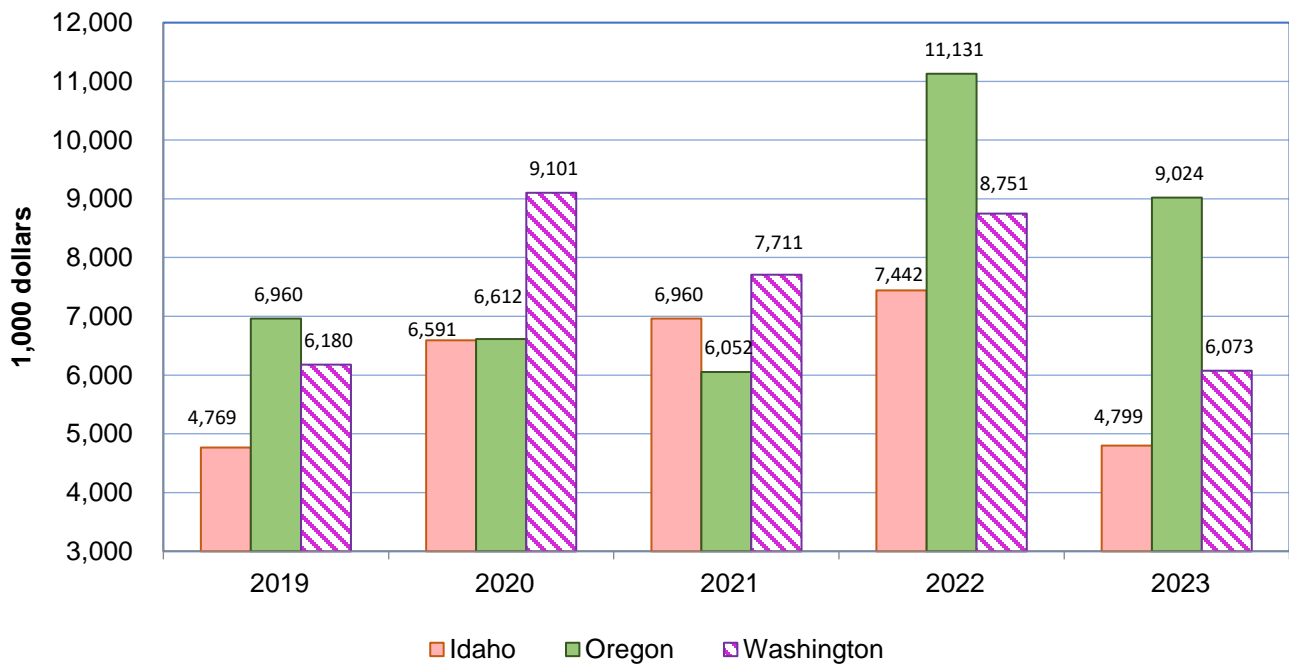
<sup>4</sup> Value of production is equal to production multiplied by average price per pound.

<sup>5</sup> Due to rounding, total colonies multiplied by total yield may not exactly equal production.

### Honey Production – Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2019-2023



### Honey Value of Production – Idaho, Oregon, and Washington: 2019 - 2023





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